GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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GUIDELINES TO OIL COMPANIES ON CYLINDERS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have issued guidelines to the oil companies to get the list of serial number of empty cylinders at the time of returning the cylinders from LPG distributors ;

(b) if so, whether the oil companies are also providing such list of cylinders at the time of sending filled LPG cylinders to the dealer`s godown ; (

(c) if so, the policy of the oil companies for getting OMC (other marketing companies) cylinders from the distributor ; and

(d) the amount of penalty in case of OMC cylinders have been supplied by oil company to their distributors as well as by the distributors to oil company ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIS` PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (d) : At present, there is no practice in existence nor any guidelines to Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) to provide the serial numbers of filled cylinders while sending to a distributor. However, in areas where incidence of spurious cylinders is high, a system of recording serial number of empty LPG cylinders by distributors while returning them through transporter has been in practice. All the bottling plants are under instructions to ensure that no other oil company`s cylinders are dispatched/ delivered to the distributor of a particular company. In case, other oil company`s cylinders are returned by the distributor of a particular company, penalty at the rate of Rs. 900/- per cylinder is levied on the distributor.